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SEYMOUR MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING AND POSSESSING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL INVOLVING CHILDREN

More local results as part of United States Attorney's Project Safe Childhood initiative

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS – United States Attorney Joseph H. Hogsett announced this morning the indictment of Seymour resident Lance B. Grant, a/k/a Brandon Grant, age 29, on charges of both possessing and producing sexually explicit material involving minors.

“Protecting Hoosier children is a top priority of this office, and we take that obligation very seriously,” Hogsett said. “Thanks to the tireless work of our nationally-recognized Project Safe Childhood team, we are more committed than ever to identifying and prosecuting anyone who seeks to exploit and victimize young people.”

The indictment alleges that on July 19, 2012, Grant was found by law enforcement to possess a number of videos and images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment identifies fourteen specific videos and still images possessed by Grant on his desk top computer.

Grant is also charged with three counts of producing sexually explicit material involving a minor female between January 22 and June 10, 2012. The indictment alleges that Grant produced sexually explicit images of the minor female using a digital camera and his desktop computer.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Grant faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the one count of possession of sexually explicit material involving minors. Grant also faces a maximum

of 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each of the three counts of production of sexually explicit material involving a minor. Grant will be held in federal custody pending trial.

These charges are the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cyber Crimes Task Force, based in Evansville, as part of the U.S. Attorney's ongoing Project Safe Childhood initiative. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood uses federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please see www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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